

Chapter 9.77

FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN WILDLAND INTERFACE AREAS

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9.77.010 Findings.

This city council finds that certain wildland interface areas exist in the city and that preservation of public health, safety and welfare requires the restriction of fireworks, smoking and other fires in such areas to reduce the risk of potentially devastating wildfires in the city.

9.77.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the term “*wildland interface areas*” shall mean ravines, gullies, hillsides, vacant land, or mountainous areas where natural vegetation (oak brush, conifers, sage brush, and other indigenous trees and plants) exist such that a distinct fire hazard is clearly evident to a reasonable person. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following specific geographical areas in the city shall be considered wildland interface areas:

A. All areas in the city located to the East of Wasatch Boulevard;

B. Little Cottonwood Park, located at approximately 1763 East Siesta Drive;

C. The undeveloped McGhie Springs area currently owned by Murray City, located at approximately 3575 East Big Cottonwood Canyon Road as shown on Chart 9.77;

D. The undeveloped area surrounding the proposed Old Mill Pond project currently owned by Salt Lake County and under development by the City as an urban fishery and

related amenities, located at approximately 6660 South Big Cottonwood Canyon Road shown on Chart 9.77;

E. The undeveloped hillside area at approximately 7000 South, and running from 3000 East, on the West, to Wasatch Blvd., on the East, above Old Mill Estates as shown on Chart 9.77;

F. The undeveloped area comprising approximately 30 acres located West of Wasatch Blvd. at approximately 8282 South that currently is owned by Property Reserve, Inc. or another affiliate of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, as shown on Chart 9.77;

G. The undeveloped hillside between Wasatch Blvd. and Danish Road as shown on Chart 9.77;

H. The undeveloped area comprising approximately 40 acres located to the East of the Memorial Estates cemetery located at approximately 3115 East Bengal Blvd.; and

I. All other wildland interface areas in the City as defined in this section.

9.77.030 Fire restrictions.

The following fire restrictions are imposed on all wildland interface areas in the city:

A. Setting, building, maintaining, attending or using open flames of any kind, except campfires built within the facilities provided for them in improved campgrounds, picnic areas or permanently improved places of habitation;

B. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in the center of an area of at least ten feet in diameter that is barren or cleared to mineral soil; and

C. Discharging or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices.

9.77.040 Exemptions.

The following persons are exempt from the prohibitions in section 9.77.030:

A. Persons with a permit from the city, from the state of Utah or the United States of America, specifically authorizing the prohibited act at the specific location; and

B. Any city, state or federal fire officer or firefighting forces (including, without limitation, the Unified Fire Authority) in the performance of an official duty.

9.77.050 Penalty.

Each violation of this chapter shall be a Class B misdemeanor.